GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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SIMPLIFICATION OF PROCEDURE FOR EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to rationalise and simplify the procedure relating to exports especially keeping in view the quantitative restrictions to be lifted by 31 March,2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given any assurance to Indian exporters in this regard;

(c) whether almost all the offices of the DGFT have been computerised to facilitate the exporters;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether his Ministry has advised the State Governments to frame State Export Policy to extend all possible assistance for export promotion; and

(f) if so, the response of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) : The review of the procedures under Export and Import Policy is an ongoing process and the suggestions received from various export promotion councils, apex chambers of trade and individual exporters are taken into consideration by the Government before formulating and amending such procedures. Presently, annual review of Exim Policy and Procedures is in progress and the annual revised versions of same are likely to be brought out by 31st March,2001.

(c) and (d) : The Office of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade at New Delhi and all the Regional Licensing Offices working under it, except the Offices at Panipat, Chandigarh and Pondicherry have been computerized.

(e) and (f) : Department of Commerce has requested State Governments to undertake various measures to boost exports and export production for the States. They have been asked to formulate export promotion policies for the State.Response from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have been received in this regard. State level Export Promotion Committee have been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary in various States including Punjab, Madhya Preadesh and Kerala.Some of the States have already set up separate Directorates of Commerce or Bureaus to attend to export related matters and for promotion of exports.